Characters

Kurosawa kun
Popular among girls but he is really a Kuda gitsune (fox spirit) who serves Tsubomi.

Mochizuki Tsubomi
A loner that has lost her memory. She slays Shikigami with a sword.

Chitose
Yukiji's older brother who's recovering from an illness. What relationship does he have with Tsubomi...?

Izayoi Yukiji
Leader of the Slayer (Kai) Clan. She has chosen Tsubomi to be her partner. She slays Shikigami with a fan.

The story so far

Tsubomi is a high school girl that has suffered amnesia after an accident and had been living out her days peacefully. Suddenly one day Yukiji appears before her and says to her "You shall be my slave." Yukiji told Tsubomi that strange events like the kamaitachi attacks at the school are caused by evil Shikigami and that Tsubomi shall be Yukiji's "dance partner" to slay these Shikigami.

Together with Yukiji as Shikigami slayers Tsubomi begins to regain her memory and live a more lively life. She remembers that Kurosawa kun is Kazu a Kuda gitsune (fox spirit) that has been protecting her.

Meanwhile, within Tsubomi memories of a certain man have begun to return.

Otôma Reiki

otomareiki

*small knife

Yoko Imamura

This is the fleeting, the
and the beautif
romantic
battle story
of fighting
high school
girls.
Now, Tsubomi's past shall be revealed...
A sacred ritual...
女舌舞
otome tanbu
Master Chitose.
It's fine to call me Chitose when no one is around.
Here...
We swear our promise
We shall bind our souls,
and become dance partners
I, Chitose, master of the Izayoi clan
I, Tsubomi, master of the Mochizuki clan
The 4th Dance The Substitute
Yoko Imamura

So this is the Mochizuki clan's discipline as retainers of the Izayoi clan.
I cannot. We must keep our families' statuses in mind and follow the rules strictly.
Your eyes look like those of a puppet without a soul.
Just like mine.
Are you lonely?

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Are you lonely...?
Let me breathe life into you as I do to Shikigami
It should grant you a soul

YOU LOOK QUITE HEALTHY, DON'T YOU?
MY BROTHER-
IT'S JUST A HOSPITAL CHECK-UP
WANT TO EAT?
SLICE
IT WAS A MISTAKE TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY AND RUSH OVER HERE
AH... WHAT A MISLEADING
THAT WAS...
MY LITTLE CHICK...
THANK YOU FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME
YOU'RE SO KIND, YUKIJI

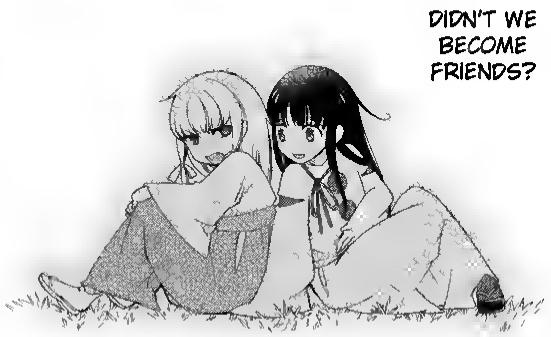
I always think about what if Chitose were not around
KIND?
ME?
I must not forget that I am Chitose-sama's substitute...
Whenever he sleeps
I've touched that throat many times
I KNOW ABOUT YOU, YUKIJI...
WE'RE TWINS...
I AM YOU,
AND YOU ARE ME.

OUR POSITIONS HAVEN'T CHANGED...
IF I CAN BE REPLACED
THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME, IS THERE?
YUKIJI, IF I WERE YOU...
I WOULD HAVE KILLED ME WHILE I WAS ASLEEP.

Bite
JUST KIDDING
SORRY FOR THE JOKE
WHY DO YOU THINK I HAVE THIS HOSPITAL CHECK UP?
HUH...?
KAZU!
HEY?
WHEN I'M LONELY,
I DREAM UP AN EXISTENCE OF YUKIJI ...
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE SAYING
IT'S ONLY BEEN THREE DAYS SINCE YOU LAST SAW HER.
THAT'S A GOOD THING, THOUGH! AT LEAST I THINK SO...
BUT I HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN AN E-MAIL, YOU KNOW?
SHE DOESN'T USE E-MAIL SINCE SHE'S SO OUT OF TOUCH WITH OUR GENERATION.
SHADDUP ☆
spinning around

* The picture refers to Hachiko – a famous dog that waits and longs for his master to return for many years.

Sigh...
SO TSUKOMI-SAMA IS INTERESTED IN THAT ARROGANT WOMAN...
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE ME...
YES!
I REALLY LIKE HER! ♡


DIDN'T WE BECOME FRIENDS?

AND DOESN'T SHE HAPPEN TO
LOOK LIKE A CERTAIN PERSON?
DOESN'T SHE?

EH...?
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Zap
A SHIKIGAMI AURA—!
IT'S NEAR

OVER THERE!
LET'S GO!
KAZU!!!
READY ANYTIME!
IF THIS GETS UGLY WE'LL GET REPORTED.
HISS
OH, GOOD-NESS..
SHIKIGAMI IN THE SCHOOL
PLEASE EXCUSE ME
I THINK I CAN ONLY USE MY LEFT HAND
UNFORTU-NATELY I CAN'T GO EASY ON YOU
SOME-ONE IS HERE...
What is this oppressive aura
SLAM
JUMP

Who...?
WHAT IS THIS...?!
Kya...
Footsteps
Who
...are you ...?
TSUBOMI ...?

Faint
...
OH...?
THIS REACTION IS A BIT SURPRISING...
Collapsed
CH...
CHITO-SE...!
Why...
am I...
crying...
YOUR EYES ARE DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE...
TSU-BOMI...
I don't understand
But...

HUH?
I THOUGHT SHE GOT HER MEMORY BACK...
PANTING
I'VE TRIED THAT ALREADY
IT SEEMS SHE CAN'T TAKE THE SHOCK
DO YOU TWO HAVE ANY COMMON SENSE?
rustle rustle
AND...
I HAVE A BAD FEELING...
WHY IS CHITOSE AT SCHOOL?
MY INJURIES ARE MOSTLY HEALED NOW, SO I'VE DECIDED TO ATTEND SCHOOL
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME
BECAUSE HE SAID THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN,
MAKING ALL THE AR-RANGE-MENTS WAS A
WHERE'S YOUR UNI-FORM!?
I HAVE MY ARMS YET, SO I WILL BE LIKE THIS FOR A WHILE.
Yukiji's older brother

I didn't remember him

But my heart was uneasy

IS THIS THE TIME TO BE EATING FRENCH TOAST?
SHIKIGAMI DON'T START MOVING BEFORE DUSK
THIS IS FUN, ISN'T IT?
ISN'T THIS CALLED A DOUBLE DATE?
DOUBLE... DATE...
HOLD ON THERE, STUPID BROTHER.
Slam
HEY YOU, JUST HOW ARE YOU PAIRING US UP?

It's...
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
How you ask. Aren't we siblings?
And don't you two seem to be getting along well?
Ah! KILL ME.
Ah! MURDER?!
Do WE REALLY NEED TO EAT FRENCH TOAST?!
WHAT A PAIR OF THEM.
Cut in
IF WE PAIR UP LIKE THIS THEN THERE'S NO PROBLEM!
ALL FROM THE SLAYER CLAN.
WHEN DID THEY ALL GATHER HERE?
THIS DATE HAS A FEW TOO MANY FOLLOWERS
MORE IMPORTANTLY,

FWOO...
TO WATCH YOU...?
THEY'RE HERE TO WATCH ME
ARE THEY HERE BECAUSE THEY ARE NOSY?
TIME TO
SHOW OUR-SELVES
...
TSUKOMI, MASTER OF THE MOCHIZUKI CLAN,
I SHALL BE YOUR DANCE PARTNER

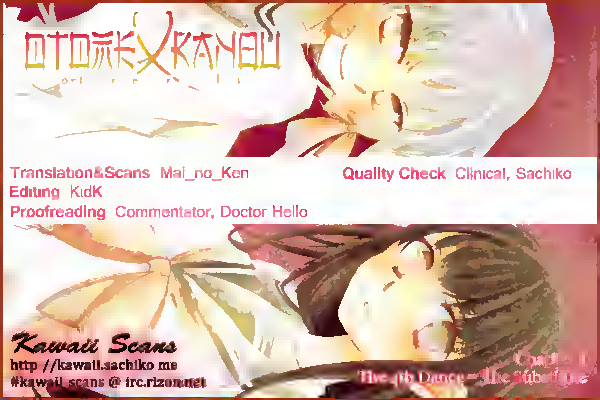
I DON'T NEED A SPIRIT FOX HERE.
YOU STAY BACK
YOU SURE HAVEN'T CHANGED.
YOU STILL HAVE THOSE COLD EYES FROM WHEN I FIRST MET YOU.
To all of our Slayer clan members.
I shall let your eyes ascertain whether or not
I am worthy of the Slayer clan.

Those wrists he has.
Those steps he treads.
TSUBOMI, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE COME TO SHOW MANY DIFFERENT EXPRESSIONS.
Both are so nostalgic
I'M GLAD...
I must have
danced with this person in the past.

One time
one moment
long ago
had been forgotten.
If you have been granted a soul
from the breath that came from my body
is it one with love and emotion?

I...
killed you...
I HAVE BEEN POSSESSED BY A SHIKIGAMI...!
TSU-BOMI...!
That's why
More than anyone,
I wanted to be your dance partner.
That's why...
THE PERSON WHO IS ENTRUSTED TO SLAY THE POSSESSED PERSON
IS CALLED THE DANCE PARTNER
The breath of life so kindly given to me...
Your breath.
IF THE SHIKIGAMI REACHES THE SOUL, IT WILL COMPLETELY TAKE OVER ONE'S BODY.
THEY MAY BE POSSESSED BY ANY STRAY SHIKIGAMI
WHEN COMMANDING A SHIKIGAMI, ONE BECOMES VERY VULNERABLE.

MASTER YUKIJI
YOU'RE ADDRESSING ME LIKE A BOSS...
IF CHITOSE HAS RETURNED THAT ROLE IS HIS
NO, MILADY.
..?
YOUR ORIGINAL ROLE MAY BE
TO FULFILL THIS POSITION...
What are Chitose's secrets...? What is Yukiji's true role...? The next chapter is the finale!!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